



2. Feed, Facilities, and Services. Stable agrees to provide adequate feed and facilities for normal and reasonable care required to maintain the health and well-being of the animals. Owner acknowledges Owner has inspected the facilities and finds same in safe and proper order. The standard services to be provided herein and the charges therefore are as posted in the barn and are subject to change at Stable's discretion.

3. Risk of Loss and Standard of Care. DURING THE TIME THAT THE HORSE(S) IS/ARE IN CUSTODY OF STABLE, STABLE SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY SICKNESS, DISEASE, ESTRAY, THEFT, DEATH OR INJURY WHICH MAY BE SUFFERED BY THE HORSE(S) OR ANY OTHER CAUSE OF ACTION, WHATSOEVER, ARISING OUT OF OR BEING CONNECTED IN ANY WAY WITH THE BOARDING OF SAID HORSE(S).

The Owner fully understands that Stable does not carry any insurance on any horse(s) not owned by it for boarding or for any other purposes, whether public liability, accidental injury, theft or equine mortality insurance, and that all risks connected with boarding or for any other reason for which the horse(s) in the possession of, and on the premises of Stable are to be borne by the Owner. Stable strongly recommends equine mortality insurance be obtained applicable to the subject horse(s) by Owner.

4. Hold Harmless. Owner agrees to hold Stable harmless from any and all claims arising from damage or injury caused by Owner's horse(s) to anyone, and defend Stable from any such claims. Owner agrees to disclose any and all hazardous or dangerous propensities of horse(s) boarded with Stable.

5. Emergency Care. Stable agrees to attempt to contact Owner should Stable feel that medical treatment is needed for said horse(s), but, if Stable is unable to contact Owner, Stable is then authorized to secure emergency, veterinary, and blacksmith care required for the health and well-being of said horse(s). All costs of such care secured shall be paid by Owner within fifteen (15) days from the date Owner receives notice thereof, or Stable is authorized, as Owner's agent, to arrange direct billing to Owner.

STABLE SHALL ASSUME THAT OWNER DESIRES SURGICAL CARE IF RECOMMENDED BY A VETERINARIAN IN THE EVENT OF COLIC, OR OTHER LIFE-THREATENING ILLNESS, UNLESS STABLE IS INSTRUCTED HEREIN OR ON OWNER'S INFORMATION SHEETS, BY OWNER THAT THE HORSE(S) IS/ARE NOT SURGICAL CANDIDATES.

Owner agrees to notify Stable of any and all change of addresses, emergency telephone numbers, itineraries or other information reasonably necessary to contact Owner in the event of an emergency. In the event Owner departs for vacation or is otherwise unavailable, prior to departure Owner shall notify Stable as to what party is authorized to make decisions in the Owner's place with regard to the health, well-being, and/or medical treatment of the horse(s).

Routine health care, grooming, exercising and training of the horse shall be the sole responsibility of the owner, unless otherwise arranged with the Stable

6. Limitation of Actions. Any action or claim brought by Owner against Stable must be brought within one (1) year of the date such claim or loss occurs.
7. Shoeing and Worming. Owner agrees to provide the necessary shoeing and worming of the horse(s) as is reasonably necessary, at Owner's expense. Owner agrees to provide Stable with all health records with regard to the horse(s). Owner agrees to have the horse(s) wormed and vaccinated on a regular schedule, and in the event same is not accomplished and proof of same presented to Stable within thirty (30) days from the date of such services or veterinary treatment, Stable is authorized to arrange for such treatment, but not obligated to do so; such expense shall be the obligation of Owner, and upon presentation by Stable of the bill for such services rendered, including service charges, any bill shall be paid within fifteen (15) days from the date the bill is submitted to the Owner.
8. Ownership-Coggins Test. Owner warrants that he owns the horse(s), that there are no liens against said horse(s) and will provide proof satisfactory to Stable of the current negative Coggins test upon delivery of horse to Stable.
9. Changes or Termination of This Agreement. It is agreed by the parties that this Agreement may be changed or terminated upon thirty (30) day notice, regardless of the rental period. All notices must be issued in writing unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties. The posting of updated rate schedules in a conspicuous or open place in Stable's barn shall constitute notice of any and all rate changes or regulation changes as may be deemed appropriate by Stable.
10. Rules and Regulations. The Owner agrees to abide by all the rules and regulations of the Stable. In the event someone other than the Owner shall call for the horse(s), such person shall have written authority signed by the Owner and approved by Stable to obtain said horse(s).
11. Right of Lien. The Owner is put on notice that Stable has a right of lien as set forth in the laws of the State of Maryland, for the amount due for the board and keep of such horse(s), and also for storage and services, and shall have the right, without process of law, to retain said horse(s) until the amount of said indebtedness is discharged. However, Stable will not be obligated to retain and/or maintain the horse(s) in question in the event the amount of the bill exceeds the anticipated unregistered value of the horse(s). In the event Stable exercises Stable's lien rights as above-described for non-payment, this Agreement shall constitute a Bill of Sale and authorization to process transfer applications from any breed registration as may be applicable to said horse(s) upon affidavit by Stable's representatives setting forth the material facts of the default and foreclosure as well as Stable's compliance with foreclosure procedures as required by law. In the event collection of this account is turned over to an attorney, Owner agrees to pay all attorneys' fees, costs, and other related expenses for which a minimum charge of \$250.00 will be assessed.
12. Property in Storage on Stable's Premises. Owner may store certain tack and equipment on the premises of Stable at no additional charge to Owner. However, Stable shall not be responsible for the theft, loss, damage or disappearance of any tack or equipment or other property stored at Stable as same is stored at the Owner's risk. Stable shall not be liable for the theft, loss, damage, or disappearance of any tack or equipment taken to horse shows or clinics.

13. Inherent Risks and Assumption of Risk. The undersigned acknowledges there are inherent risks associated with equine activities such as described below, and hereby expressly assumes all risks associated with participating in such activities. The inherent risks include, but are not limited to the propensity of equines to behave in ways such as, running, bucking, biting, kicking, shying, stumbling, rearing, falling or stepping on, that may result in an injury, harm or death to persons on or around them; the unpredictability of the equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement and unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals; certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; collisions with other animals; the limited availability of emergency medical care; and the potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the animal or not acting within such participant's ability.

**Owner (1) expressly assumes all risks enumerated in the preceding paragraph, (2) expressly waives all rights to sue Stable for death, personal injury or property damage, and (3) expressly releases Stable from any and all claims for death, personal injury or property damage, even if caused by negligence by Stable or its representatives, agents or employees.**

14. Entire Agreement. This contract represents the entire agreement between the parties. No other agreements, promises, or representations, verbal or implied, are included herein unless specifically stated in this written agreement. This contract is made and entered into in the State of Maryland, and shall be enforced and interpreted in accordance with the laws of said State.

15. Enforceability of Contract. In the event one or more parts of this contract are found to be unenforceable or illegal, the other portions hereof shall be deemed in full force and effect.

**Signed by:**

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**BOARDER**

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